

# HARD PRESSED BY JEROME, MRS. THAW HAS BAD MEMORY

Many Places and Dates and  
Persons She Utterly Fails  
to Recall.

## HER STUDIO EXPERIENCES

She Denies Absolutely Some of the  
Serious Allegations Made  
Against Her.

## NEW MANY MEN IN GOTHAM

He Tells the Story of Her Connection  
With the Florodora Company—  
Her Photographs and How  
They Were Taken.

The cross-examination of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was continued at the resumption of the trial of her husband for the killing of Stanford White. Called as the first witness, when Justice Fitzgerald opened the court this morning, young Mrs. Thaw was on the stand all through the two hours of the first session, and it looked when the recess hour came as if it would be several hours more before the district attorney would be through with her. So far she had not been trapped into any misstatements, and while her memory was plainly vague on many things, she was caught in no admission that might be set up against her credibility as a witness. At no time was she disconcerted, even when the district attorney's questions hinted at dark things in the past. In some of her denials she was vehement, and all through the examination her words were accompanied by the same childish expression of face and simple gestures that characterized her on the stand on other days. When she left the witness chair she passed out of the court room as languidly as she had entered.

NEW YORK, February 20.—District Attorney Jerome continued today his cross-examination of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, and when the luncheon recess of the trial of her husband was ordered it was apparent that he would keep the young woman on the stand all afternoon, and possibly for several days to come.

Mr. Jerome indicated by his questions today that he does not intend to spare Mrs. Thaw in any way whatsoever, but will turn over every leaf in her past life, and in connection with her husband's trial, and information. From time to time his assistant, Mr. Garvan, supplied the details on which some of the questions were founded.

The prosecutor took advantage also of Mrs. Thaw's statement yesterday, that the story she told Thaw about Stanford White was true, to attack the story as to its minutest detail. It had been thought that the rules of evidence would prevent this, for the story had been introduced by the defense merely to show its effect upon the mind of Thaw. Once Mrs. Thaw had stated on the witness stand that her narrative was true it gave the prosecutor the opportunity he had waited for.

## No Nude Pictures.

Mr. Jerome questioned Mrs. Thaw as to her manner of posing for artists, insisting upon definite answers to his questions. She denied in a positive manner that she had ever posed in the nude or had a cast made of her nude figure.

Mr. Jerome asked her about her relations with James A. Garland, whom she knew before she met Stanford White.

Mrs. Thaw said she had been on Mr. Garland's yacht, but always accompanied by her mother.

"Were you named as co-respondent in Mr. Garland's divorce suit?" asked Mr. Jerome.

Attorney Delmas objected to this, saying the record of the case was the best evidence.

Mr. Jerome withdrew the question.

Mrs. Thaw also was asked about a man named Hoppe or Hopley, whom she met soon after coming to New York.

Nothing developed from the examination, however.

Stanford White's Communications.

The witness was put through the closest sort of questioning regarding letters Stanford White had written to her, Mr. Jerome wanting to know just what she had done with all of them. Mrs. Thaw declared the only letters she knew to be in existence were in the hands of Mr. Hartridge, the district attorney's messenger.

The morning session adjourned at 12:32 p.m., Mrs. Thaw having been on the stand two hours. Her voice trembled at times, but she bore the ordeal with much fortitude and there was no indication of a breakdown at any point of her testimony.

District Attorney Jerome continued his

tactics of yesterday, jumping from one part of Mrs. Thaw's story to another and avoiding sequence as far as possible.

The cross-examination was extremely dull at times, the witness fencing with the district attorney constantly and seeming to hold her wits well about her.

## Anxious to See Evelyn.

There was a great rush of curious persons anxious to see Evelyn Nesbit Thaw under the ordeal of cross-examination, but only those provided with special credentials from the court or city authorities were permitted to enter the room where the trial of Harry K. Thaw is in progress. Even under these restrictions, however, every available seat was occupied as court convened. Justice Fitzgerald permits no one to stand.

District Attorney Jerome was early in the court room preparing for his day's task. Among the spectators this morning were T. M. Kettle of Glenview, Ireland, and Richard Hazleton of Black Rock, Ireland, both members of the British parliament, representing, respectively, East Tyrone and North Galway.

## The Girl Recalled.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was immediately recalled that Mr. Jerome might continue his cross-examination. She was dressed precisely as she has been on every day since the trial began, even to the little black bow tie. Her face was slightly flushed as she took her place in the witness chair, with her usual little smile at her husband. Mr. Delmas moved his chair inside the rail and seated himself beside the witness box. When Mrs. Thaw saw him she smiled faintly and turned her eyes to the district attorney, who sat before her. The district attorney began by showing Mrs. Thaw a photograph of herself taken in a kimono and asked if she could recall the date of the picture.

## Many Addresses.

"Where do you live after your return from Europe in 1904 until the time of your marriage?"

Mrs. Thaw gave eight or nine addresses.

"Was the defendant present when this photograph in a kimono was taken?"

"I don't think so."

"Did not the kimono belong to the defendant?"

"No."

"Did not he take the kimono to the studio that day?"

"I don't think so."

"Did not the defendant give you the kimono?"

"Yes."

Mr. Jerome exhibited another photograph and asked when it was taken.

"Late in 1901, I think," replied the witness.

"Were you acting at that time?"

"Yes."

"What company?"

"Florodora."

Mother's Dress; White's Cape.

"Was this a Florodora costume?" asked Mr. Jerome, referring to the photograph.

"No. It was the red dress my mother made me, and the red cape Stanford White gave me."

"How long did you live in Philadelphia?"

Mr. Jerome continued as on yesterday to jump from one part of the story to another, keeping as far as possible away from a sequence of events.

"I don't remember just how long we lived in Philadelphia."

"How old were you then?"

Mr. Jerome by his next few questions indicated that he did not intend to spare the feelings of the young woman in any way. He interrogated her sharply as to her dress when she was posing for artists in Philadelphia and New York. He persisted in certain questions even after Mr. Delmas had objected, and insisted on having definite answers, though Mrs. Thaw usually said she could not exactly remember.

"Was there any exposure of the person or did you wear the so-called artistic draperies?"

"I would not say that," replied the witness. "I posed in a Greek dress and a Turkish costume."

Jerome Persists.

Mr. Jerome persisted with questions as to the exposure of the person, and Mrs. Thaw replied:

"I posed with no neck draperies after I was on the stage."

"The pictures were like those ordinarily seen in photographers' windows?"

Mr. Delmas objected to this, and Mr. Jerome withdrew the question.

During the cross-examination Assistant District Attorney Garvan sat behind Mr. Jerome studying his notes, and from time to time prompted his chief. He made very full notes of the witness' testimony, and compared what she said today with what she had said on her direct examination.

Soon after the morning session began the district attorney's messenger entered the court room carrying a large number of packages tied with tape, apparently another consignment of photographs. Later the messenger came in again with a large bundle of letters.

Mr. Gleason was again absent from the table occupied by the defendant's counsel, it being reported that he had not yet recovered from his toothache.

Mr. Britton D. Evans, the alienist, also was missing from the court room today for the first time since the trial began.

First "Florodora."

"Where did you and your mother live after coming to New York?"

"In West 38th street between 5th and 6th avenues."

"What was your first theatrical employment?"

"With the 'Florodora' company."

"And you contributed to the family support?"

"Yes."

"Didn't you take a photograph of yourself to the Broadway Magazine for publication?"

"Yes."

"And it was published under the name of Evelyn Florence?"

Mr. Delmas objected, but Justice Fitzgerald directed the witness to answer.

"Yes."

More Pictures.

"This was before you went on the stage?"

"Yes."

"And then the reporters came to your house for more pictures?"

"Yes."

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## HUGHES AFTER KELSEY

STATE OFFICIAL RECOMMENDED  
FOR REMOVAL BY GOVERNOR.

ALBANY, N. Y., February 18.—Gov. Hughes sent to the senate this morning a special message recommending the removal from office of the state superintendent of insurance, Otto Kelsey.

In making the recommendation the governor says:

"With respect to life insurance, New York is easily the most important jurisdiction in the United States, if not in the world, and the vast interests involved imperatively require, and it should be a point of honor for the state to maintain, a fearless and efficient administration of its supervising department commanding the confidence of the people."

"I recommend Mr. Kelsey's removal because as head of this department he has conspicuously failed to perform obvious duties of the first importance, and his neglect has demonstrated his unfitness for the trust confided to him."

IN SUBTERRANEAN CELL.

## Thirteen Tunnel Workers Have a Terrible Experience in Gotham.

NEW YORK, February 20.—After being imprisoned for more than eight hours in a tiny circular chamber in the McAdoo tunnel under North river, thirteen tunnel workers were taken out today in a serious condition. Their experience had been a harrowing one, as when the door of their subterranean cell jammed, they were powerless to aid themselves, and were compelled to listen for hours to the tapping of hammers and the clink of hammers wielded by those who sought to save them.

All this time the men were under the intense air pressure which is maintained in the lower levels of the tunnels, and it is feared that many of all of them may suffer from "Bends," or caisson disease, as a result of their long exposure. Ordinarily the men remain under the high air pressure only three and one-half hours. As the thirteen men had just completed their regular tour and were preparing to leave the tunnel when caught, they were under pressure continuously for nearly twelve hours.

OVER A MILLION MORE.

Conferees on Legislative Bill Increase House Appropriation.

After a conference lasting for one month the conferees of the House and Senate on the legislative, judicial and executive bill have finally agreed on a measure carrying \$23,921,000. This is \$1,450,000 more than the bill carried when passed by the House.

DISTRIBUTION TO BE MADE.

Trustees of Peabody Fund in Session at Arlington Hotel.

A meeting of the trustees of the Peabody educational fund for the distribution of the fund left by George Peabody of London in the cause of education was held at the Arlington Hotel today. Between \$2,300,000 and \$2,400,000 will be apportioned among educational institutions in the southern states at this meeting.

Chief Justice Fuller of the United States Supreme Court, the chairman of the trustees, presided. J. Pierpont Morgan, the treasurer, also was present.

Among the trustees present were Dr. Samuel A. Green, Bishop Lawrence and Richard Olney of Boston.

The trustees were in executive session late today.

Will Not Be Admitted.

HONOLULU, February 20.—Gov. Carter has received a request from Secretary of State Root to notify agents of steamship companies that Japanese laborers in Hawaii will not be admitted to the mainland. The steamer Mongolia, which sailed for San Francisco yesterday, carries over 300 Japanese from here.

## CUT IN DEFICIENCIES

EFFECT OF TAWNEY PROVISION  
ADOPTED BY CONGRESS.

Appropriations for Departments Nearly All Carried by the Regular Bills.

Now that all the appropriation bills of this session with the exception of the general deficiency bill, and it is known how much that measure carries, have been reported, it has become apparent that Congress has won a victory over the various departments of the government and has regained in great measure its lost prestige.

Last year the ordinary deficiency estimates carried by the general deficiency bill will be less than \$2,500,000. The explanation is a simple one. As a result of the adoption as a part of the general deficiency bill of last year of the Tawney anti-deficiency amendment heads of departments and chiefs of bureaus have been afraid to permit deficiencies to grow, as that offense under the amendment is now a misdemeanor.

That efficacious amendment framed by Chairman Tawney of the House appropriation committee provided that the appropriation of Congress appropriations—whether they be made by heads of departments—must be made by regular bills.

It was not until the Tawney amendment was adopted that the heads of departments and chiefs of bureaus were afraid to permit deficiencies to grow, as that offense under the amendment is now a misdemeanor.

Another defeat was added today to the list of victories of the wreck. The latest one to succumb is Ella Shiffon, twelve years old, of Englewood, who died early this morning in the Fordham hospital.

The total number of dead is now twenty-two. Two others, Mabel Smith and Arabella Fowler, are likely to die.

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TELEGRAPHERS TO STRIKE.

Western Union Men Not Satisfied With Conditions.

A dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., says that a strike within the next twenty-four hours is probable among the telegraph operators in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company there. The men, it is stated, are dissatisfied with the ten per cent raise recently granted by the company and for the further reason, it is said, that first-class men are dismissed and the cheap men retained. The operators are fully organized and are ready to go out at a moment's notice.

EXECUTED IN VENEZUELA.

Revolutionist a Divorced Husband of an American Woman.

CHICAGO, February 20.—Gen. Antonio Paredes, who, according to dispatches, has been executed in Venezuela for fomenting a revolution, was the divorced husband of Miss Florence Celeste Hutchinson, daughter of the late John Hutchinson, a Chicago lawyer and for years in the consular service, prior to which time he was governor of Dakota. Miss Hutchinson, to whom the court gave the right to resume her maiden name, was divorced from Gen. Paredes February 9 on the ground of cruelty.

Paredes, who was 40 years old, came of a wealthy and prominent Mexican family.

French Cruiser Ashore.

PARIS, February 20.—While the ministry of marine has no official advice today to confirm the dispatch from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, last night, announcing that the French cruiser Jean Bart had gone ashore on a reef off the Barbary coast February 12, a newspaper dispatch received from Madrid confirms the report, saying that the cruiser is ashore off Punta Galia, between Cape Blanco and Rio Oro, and will be a total loss.

## THE BREWSTER WRECK

STATE PROBE OF EXPRESS DISASTER IN NEW YORK.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, February 20.—With Job E. Hedges as special counsel, the state railroad commission's investigation into the Brewster express wreck, in which twenty-two persons were killed and nearly 150 injured, got under way at 10 o'clock this morning. The commission is composed of G. W. Aldridge, the chairman; Frank M. Baker, Joseph M. Dickey and Henry N. Rockwell.

The commission is expected to consume at least a week in its investigation. The same witnesses who have already been examined by Coroner Schwannack have been called.

A. H. Harris, vice president and general counsel of the New York Central, appeared on behalf of the railroad. Mr. Harris assured the commission that he would assist them in every way in his power.

"No time or thought or money has been spared in making the road as safe as possible," declared Mr. Harris. "The cause of the accident we do not know. If it appears that the accident could not have been avoided, I hope the board will not put the blame where it does not belong."

Seeking a Cause.

Ira A. McCormick, general superintendent of the Harlem division, who was the first witness called at the coroner's inquest on Monday, was the first witness at the commission's hearing today. Mr. McCormick said he had discovered last night that a train which had preceded the one which met with the accident on Saturday night had stopped at Mr. Vernon and the crew discovered there that a brake rod had fallen down. A long bolt was also found missing.

"Would that have any bearing upon the accident, in your opinion?" asked Mr. Rockwell.

"That was the reply. 'If the bolt had fallen on the track and had got knocked in some way against the rail it would show cause for derailment.'"

"How long did you require a motorman to serve before you put him in active service?" asked Mr. Rockwell.

"That was left to the instructor to determine," was the reply.

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owning extensive mining interests and ranges. The general himself inherited considerable property, but ultimately ran through it. He was educated in Europe, where he secured a military training, and he had lived abroad for long periods. He spoke several languages.

Miss Hutchinson declared last night that she knew nothing of Paredes' Venezuela venture beyond what she had read in the newspapers. She was married to Paredes September 1 last.

## UNIFORM PURE FOOD LAWS.

Active Campaign Was Inaugurated at Chicago Yesterday.

CHICAGO, February 20.—The movement to get the various states to make pure food laws uniform with the national pure food laws was concentrated into an active campaign yesterday that will reach the legislatures of every state. This has been urged by various national food stuff associations in the last year, but none of the orders felt able to undertake the preparation single handed. A representative of each of the national associations met and decided to combine the efforts of the order of the associations to carry on the campaign.

V. L. Price of St. Louis was made chairman of the committee. Another meeting will be held in New York city in two weeks to be attended by eastern concerns. The delegates are favorable to the new pure food law and will insist that it be enforced.

## DEFENDANT COLLAPSED.

Startling Incident in New Haven Divorce Suit.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., February 20.—The Norton divorce trial went on again this morning, but just before court opened Mrs. Josephine Celeste Birney Norton, the defendant, completely collapsed.

She is of a nervous, high-strung disposition and yesterday sobbed hysterically at several times during the testimony. This morning just after she took her seat she was all in a flutter, and she went into another fit of hysterics. Her nose began to bleed and she sobbed heavily. Her counsel assisted her to an ante-room and left her.

Two young women friends who had been sitting in the court room went to her side and found her lying on the floor in a dead faint. Dr. Daggett was hastily summoned by telephone and on his arrival revived Mrs. Norton.

She was so far recovered in an hour to resume her seat in the court room, where she insisted on continuing to take notes of the testimony. Hack Driver Barney Sweeney, the first witness, was asked by Lawyer Hull, Norton's counsel: "Did you visit John Lyon's road house in Westville last February with a party of which Mrs. Norton was a member?"

"Yes."

"What time was it?"

"About 4 in the morning."

"Where did you go from Lyon's place?"

"Back to the hotel where I was staying."

"Did you drive Mrs. Norton again in your hack?"

"Yes; in June I took her and a man from the Tourist Hotel about 12 o'clock in the morning. I drove the hack to the corner of Blatney avenue and Clay street (near her home), the carriage stood on the corner fifteen minutes while both were on the inside, when Mrs. Norton got out and went to her home. I drove the man back to the city."

"What time was it?"

"I don't know. I don't know the time."

"Did you hear a lot of kissing?"

"I don't know. I don't know the time."

"Did you or did you not hear kissing in the back seat?"

"Yes, I heard them, but did not know what it was."

"You know what kissing is, don't you?"

"I know it when I see it, but not always when I hear it."

"When you drove Mrs. Norton home what was her condition as regards sobriety?"

"I saw her but did not know. She had been drinking, one night I drove her home with three other women. She could walk that night, but she had had a good deal."

## RINKS RUIN FOR GIRLS.

Children's Society Denounces Them and Also Penny Arcades.

Many young girls in New York city are being ruined by skating rinks and penny picture arcades is the statement made yesterday by Supt. Jenkins of the Children's Society in the court of special sessions.

Dorsey B. Tanner, special policeman at "The People's One Cent Vaudeville Arcade" on 3d avenue, was fined \$25 on the complaint of three eleven-year-old children.

S. J. Byrnes, owner, and Frank Flynn, doorman, of the Lenox Lyceum Skating Rink, were confronted in court by three girls in short dresses. Byrnes was acquitted, but Flynn was fined \$25. The girls were warned a second offense would land them in jail.

## PEACEMAKER MEETS DEATH.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

LEEBOURG, Vt., February 19, 1907.

Frank Warner, a colored man of Round Hill, Loudoun county, was killed by an older colored man, named Edwards, at the home of the latter, near Round Hill, Sunday afternoon. Warner, it is stated, was acting as peacemaker in a quarrel between Edwards and another colored man, when the former shot him, killing him instantly.

The following day Dr. W. C. Orin of this town, who is coroner for Loudoun county, went to the house of Edwards to hold an inquest, and during the proceedings the latter committed suicide by slitting his throat from ear to ear with a razor.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Plans Approved for Improvements at Soldiers' Home.

The board of governors of the Soldiers' Home near this city held a meeting at the War Department yesterday afternoon and approved the recommendations of Maj. John S. Sewell, the engineer officer in charge, that contracts be awarded for construction work at the Soldiers' Home as follows: To Cramp & Company of Philadelphia for labor for the marble mess hall building at \$164,000; to the Otis Elevator Company for five elevators for mess hall at \$23,000 and to the Brennan Construction Company of this city for the construction of a brick building for power plant at \$73,000.

## School Question Unsettled.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 20.—The settlement of the American school question is still delayed, owing to the obstructive tactics of certain high-placed officials. Ambassador Lelsham continues to press for a solution, and has again sent a note to the porte, couched in more vigorous terms, demanding early action on the matter.

## Gift of Pope.

ROME, February 20.—The Rev. Dr. George W. Mundelein, chancellor of the diocese of Brooklyn, left Rome on his return to the United States today, taking with him a magnificent gold chalice, the gift of the pope to the Right Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, bishop of Brooklyn.

Cloudy, possibly rain to night; tomorrow partly cloudy.

## CLOSING THE DEBATE

Vote on Smoot to Be Taken This After